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NATIONAL AGRICULTURE POLICY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any suggestion from State Governments to involve the States in formulation of National Agriculture Policy as well as in the farm related research activities to widen their scope for the coverage of climatic conditions, geological features and sand qualities of various regions; and

(b) if so, the measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b: Suggestions have been received from the State Governments for incorporation of provisions in National Agriculture Policy, mainly relating to the improvement of farming as well as the conditions of farmers. The Government of India had constituted in 2004, a National Commission on Farmers to examine, inter-alia, various issues confronting the farmers and to suggest appropriate interventions for improving the economic profitability and sustainability of major farming systems in the country and for improving food and livelihood security. The Commission has submitted several recommendations including Revised Draft National Policy for Farmers after holding wide ranging consultations with the State Governments, farmers and other stakeholders. A conference of State Ministers for Agriculture and Allied sectors was held on 22nd Doecember, 2006 to discuss and obtain their views on the recommendations by National Commission on Farmers` in its reports including Revised Draft National Policy for Farmers. Government has taken necessary action to expedite examination of the Revised Draft National Policy for Farmers and other recommendations submitted by National Commission on Farmers.